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Re: Community Liaison Department Report for period beginning 24 October and ending Friday 28 October 1994.

1. SACS:

- Inspected SACS's facilities in Pretoria and attended a presentation of their capabilities.
- Instructed SACS to draft detailed and budgeted proposals for these various community liaison programmes.
- Instructed SACS to develop project management proposal for the entire community liaison programme.
- Instructed SACS to formulate proposals for the project management requirements of the community liaison department.

2. Met with Mr Mike Miller of Africare. Mr Miller indicated that Africare were prepared to facilitate and fund contact between the Constitutional Assembly and various United States experts, including politicians, constitutional experts and experts on, for example, specialised structures of the Government like the Reserve Bank. They are also prepared to facilitate and fund various types of

appropriate workshops. They appear prepared to tailor their programmes to suit our reasonable requests. The Secretariat should take note of this information and contact the writer for further information in this regard.

3. Met with Mr Paulos Tesfagiorgis, a member of the Executive Committee of the Constitutional Commission of Eritrea. He is also chairman of the Committee on Governmental Institutions and Human Rights. There are many remarkable resemblances between the present Eritrean constitutional process and our own. Mr Tesfagiorgis should be considered as a speaker at our sector conference in December.
4. Attended meetings with the embassies and high commissions of Canada, Peru, Chile, Ethiopia and the Philippines. Further details are not available at this stage.
5. Developed public participation programme outline. See Annexure A attached hereto.

## ANNEXURE A

### Public Participation Programme Timeframe and Outline

Phase 1 - 1 December 1994 to 31 January 1995. - National conference of all sectors in South Africa to launch public participation programme. The conference will seek to establish a broad working relationship with the organised sectors of South African society. The conference will also be the launching point for the Constitutional Assembly media campaign. This media campaign, in addition to providing information about the Constitutional Assembly, will importantly invite the public to make submissions to the theme committees, for return by either the middle of January or the end of January 1995.

Phase 2 - 1 February 1995 to 30 June 1995. - Launch of part 1 of the forum campaign. It is proposed that each theme committee allocate members to three combined committees. These combined committees could then travel the length and breadth of South Africa conducting public hearings. These public hearings would be well publicised in advance and preceded by a constitutional facilitation/education workshopping programme. The combined committees would utilise the 20 weekends between 1 February and 30 June 1995 for this process. Because weekends are envisaged as the touring period, it is proposed that all of the theme committees in three combined committees could begin travelling around the country. The time in Cape Town could be spent evaluating submissions, drawing opinions from experts, deciding which submissions should be the subject of oral representation, hearing oral representations and where necessary arranging televised public conferences on issues that need lively public debate.

Phase 3 - 1 July to 31 August 1995. - Launch of part 2 of the forum campaign. This campaign would consist of at least one

large public forum per province. The forums would publicise a draft text and invite public reaction thereto.

The Secretariat is requested to take the above into account and in conjunction with Liaison Services set up a meeting to discuss the work programmes of the theme committees.